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HOUSE BILL 2059

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AN ACT to name a bridge in Carroll County in honor of the late Jimmy Breeden.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those citizens who left an indelible mark on their respective communities, even though they departed this world at far too early an age; and

WHEREAS, the late Jimmy Breeden was renowned among his family and friends as a compassionate and giving person; and

WHEREAS, a great tragedy occurred in 1992, when Jimmy Breeden lost his life at the tender age of 16; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Breeden met his untimely demise in a traffic accident while travelling to his home from school; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Body of Carroll County has petitioned this Body to name the bridge where Jimmy Breeden lost his life as a lasting tribute to this remarkable young man, one of the finest citizens Carroll County has ever produced; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs in this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge (Bridge #09S80370017) spanning the Big Sandy River on State Route 424 in Carroll County is hereby designated as the "Jimmy Breeden Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this exceptional human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Jimmy Breeden Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5.

(1) This act shall become operative only if Carroll County, Tennessee, either remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). Carroll County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Carroll County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Carroll County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

(2) Carroll County may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.